

REMARKS

In the official action dated October 20, 2006, the Examiner has presented a restriction requirement between two inventions; namely: Invention I, Claims 1-26, and Invention II, claims 27-151. These inventions are said to be related as process and apparatus for its practice and are said to be distinct. As required, applicant provisionally elects Invention II; namely, that of the apparatus of claims 26-151.

The Examiner then goes on to assert that Invention II includes claims directed to 11 different patentably distinct species. It is contended that these species are independent or distinct because they are related processes. It is clear, however, that Invention II is directed to apparatus and not to processes. In any event, however, again as required, applicant provisionally elects Species F; namely, claims 59-75 for prosecution herein. It is, of course, appreciated that if a generic claim is finally held to be allowable, those claims will also be considered herein. It is further noted, however, that claims 76-92 are within the scope of claim 59 and read thereon. It is therefore respectfully requested that at least all of these claims (*i.e.*, claims 59-92) be examined at this time.

The amendments to the Specification are respectfully submitted prior to initiation of the prosecution of this application in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. The amendments are made to correct typographical errors in the Specification, and no new matter is included in these amendments.

In view of the above, it is respectfully requested that these amendments now be entered, and that prosecution on the merits of this application now be initiated. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe such action can be

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taken, it is respectfully requested that he telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any objections which he may have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge applicant's Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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